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PRESS RELEASE

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, makes the following announcement:

Alyson Harmon, 45, who presently resides in Norfolk, Virginia, was sentenced yesterday in United States District Court in connection with her previously entered plea of guilty to embezzling \$20,481.57 from Local Union 281 of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. United States Senior District Court Judge Thomas J. McAvoy sentenced Harmon to five (5) years probation, and ordered Harmon to make restitution in the amount she embezzled.

Harmon was employed by Local Union 281 as an office assistant and bookkeeper during the years 2006 through 2008. In her plea on September 23, 2011, Harmon admitted she was responsible for collecting union dues from union members, and that she stole union dues payments made to her in cash in the amount and during the time frame set forth above.

The case was investigated by the United States Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas P. Walsh. Further inquiries may be directed to the United States Attorney's Office, Binghamton branch office, at (607) 773-2887.